Note.--Messrs. Gopalachari, Dasappa and Narasimhaiya opposed the request.

Reply of Government.—It is not expedient to sell this right by auction sale.

SUBJECT No. 202.

Filling of pits in villages and extension of Village Sanitation Rules to all villages.

Messrs. Sivappa Deekshit, Ameen Krishnappa and T. Devappa, Shikarpur Taluk.
Mr. Krishna Iyengar, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.
Mr. Channabasappa, Taluk Member, Hiriyur.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Pits in villages whether in lands belonging to Government or to private individuals should be ordered to be filled in, as otherwise these will be filled with village sweepings, rain water, etc., and give rise to several diseases. Those belonging to Government should be filled at Government cost and those of private persons at their own cost.

(*b*) Pray that the Village Sanitation Rules may be introduced to all villages or at least to villages containing fifty houses.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Government cannot undertake this for want of funds. District Officers must enforce Village Sanitation Rules.

(*b*) All large villages have Sanitation Rules extended to them. Further extension is inexpedient at present.

SUBJECT No. 203.

Setting apart of a portion of Local Cess for Village Sanitation.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar.

Summary of discussion.—In the matter of clearing the "prickly-pear" hedging, and maintaining in good condition the village road work, timid and ignorant raiyats are put to considerable hardship. To save the raiyats from the persecution, it would be well if a small portion of the local cess be set apart for improving the village sanitation, maintenance of village roads, and removal of noxious plants, the necessary works being carried out at least, once in four or five years although not annually.

Reply of Government.—Please ascertain the existing practice and then come up with any representation. Every District Board Budget provides for village conservancy.

SUBJECT No. 204.

Octroi duty on local manufactures.

Mr. D. Gopalachar, Devanhalli Taluk.
Mr. B. Adivappa, Harihar Municipal Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The exemption from the levy of Octroi duty on cloths locally manufactured has reduced the income of Municipalities. Exempting the looms from duty seems enough; Octroi duty may be allowed to be levied on local manufactures in lieu of the duty on looms.

(*b*) Pray that the Octroi duty on locally made cloths may also be remitted.

Reply of Government.—The Octroi duty on cloth brought for local consumption is one of the chief sources of Municipal income and cannot be abolished without seriously crippling the latter.